

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (canceled).
2. (canceled).
3. (canceled).
4. (canceled).
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18. (canceled).

19. (canceled).

20. (canceled).

21. (currently amended): The method of claim-~~20~~41, wherein the 15-keto-prostaglandin compound is a 13,14-dihydro-15-keto-prostaglandin compound.

22. (currently amended): The method of claim-~~20~~41, wherein the 15-keto-prostaglandin compound is a 15-keto-16-mono or dihalogen-prostaglandin compound.

23. (currently amended): The method of claim-~~20~~41, wherein the 15-keto-prostaglandin compound is a 13,14-dihydro-15-keto-16-mono or di-halogen-prostaglandin compound.

24. (currently amended): The method of claim-~~20~~41, wherein the 15-keto-prostaglandin compound is a 15-keto-16-mono or di-fluoro-prostaglandin compound.

25. (currently amended): The method of claim-~~20~~41, wherein the 15-keto-prostaglandin compound is a 13,14-dihydro-15-keto-16-mono or di-fluoro-prostaglandin compound.

26. (currently amended): The method of claim-~~20~~41, wherein the 15-keto-prostaglandin compound is a 15-keto-20-lower alkyl-prostaglandin compound.

27. (currently amended): The method of claim-~~20~~41, wherein the 15-keto-prostaglandin compound is a 15-keto-20-ethyl-prostaglandin compound.

28. (currently amended): The method of claim-~~20~~41, wherein the 15-keto-prostaglandin compound is a 2-decarboxy-2-(2-carboxy lower alkyl)-15-keto-prostaglandin compound.

29. (currently amended): The method of claim-~~20~~41, wherein the 15-keto-prostaglandin compound is a 2-decarboxy-2-(2-carboxyethyl)-15-keto-prostaglandin compound.

30. (currently amended): The method of claim-~~20~~ 41, wherein the 15-keto-prostaglandin compound is a 2-decarboxy-2-(2-carboxyethyl)-13,14-dihydro-15-keto-16-mono or di-fluoro prostaglandin compound.

31. (currently amended): The method of claim-~~20~~ 41, wherein the 15-keto prostaglandin compound is a 2-decarboxy-2-(2-carboxyethyl)-13,14-dihydro-15-keto-16-mono or di-fluoro-20-ethyl-prostaglandin compound.

32. (currently amended): The method of claim-~~20~~ 41, wherein the 15-keto prostaglandin compound is a 2-decarboxy-2-(2-carboxyethyl)-13,14-dihydro-15-keto-16,16-di-fluoro-20-ethyl-prostaglandin compound.

33. (currently amended): The method of claim-~~20~~ 41, wherein the 15-keto prostaglandin compound is a 15-keto-prostaglandin E compound.

34. (currently amended): The method of claim-~~20~~ 41, wherein the 15-keto prostaglandin compound is a 2-decarboxy-2-(2-carboxyethyl)-13,14-dihydro-15-keto-16,16-di-fluoro-20-ethyl-prostaglandin E₁ isopropyl ester.

35. (canceled).

36. (canceled).

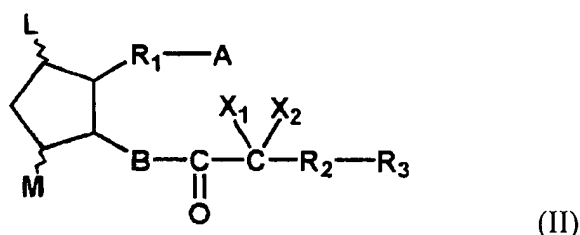
37. (canceled).

38. (currently amended): The method of claim-~~20~~ 41, which comprises administering ophthalmically a composition comprising a 15-keto-prostaglandin compound formulated in a dosage form suitable for ophthalmic administration.

39. (previously presented): The method of claim 38, wherein said composition is formulated as eye drops.

40. (canceled).

41. (previously presented): A method for treating photoretininitis in a subject, which comprises administering an effective amount of a 15-keto prostaglandin compound represented by the following formula (II):



wherein L and M are hydrogen, hydroxy, halogen, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, hydroxy(lower)alkyl or oxo, wherein at least one of L and M is a group other than hydrogen, and the five-membered ring may have one or more double bond;

A is $-\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$, $-\text{COCH}_2\text{OH}$, $-\text{COOH}$ or its functional derivative;

B is $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ or $-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-$;

X_1 and X_2 are hydrogen, lower alkyl or halogen;

R_1 is a divalent saturated or unsaturated lower-medium aliphatic hydrocarbon residue, which is unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, alkyl, hydroxy, oxo, aryl or heterocyclic group;

R_2 is a single bond or lower alkylene; and

R_3 is lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, cyclo(lower)alkyl, cyclo(lower)alkyloxy, aryl, aryloxy, heterocyclic group or heterocyclic-oxy group to the subject.

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42. (canceled).